

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez introduced a resolution today to recognize the Water Replenishment District (WRD) of Southern California on its 50th anniversary and the crucial role it plays in the daily lives of Southern California residents.

The bipartisan resolution notes that for five decades, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California has operated to fulfill its mission of efficiently managing southern Los Angeles County's vital water resources. As the population of the region continues to grow, it has become vitally important to maximize the use of all water sources available to the Water Replenishment District.

"For fifty years, the Water Replenishment District has ensured that Southern Californians have access to high quality water," said Rep. Linda Sánchez. "Every time we turn on the faucet, or pour a glass of water for our kids, we have the WRD to thank."

Because of the effective work of the Water Replenishment District, there has been a reduction of reliance on the expensive and uncertain supply of imported water and the increase in the use of locally-developed supply.

"As the demand for clean water supply increases, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California continues to work toward an ambitious, yet attainable, goal of eliminating the dependence of imported water by 2015," continued Sánchez. "The good work of WRD serves as a model to other communities of the Southwest that have similarly scarce water resources."

Voters established the Water Replenishment District in 1959 to manage groundwater for nearly four million residents in 43 cities throughout southern Los Angeles County. WRD is involved in groundwater monitoring, safe drinking water programs, combating seawater intrusion, and groundwater replenishment operations - equating to nearly 40% of the total demand for water.